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For:	TWO-HANDLED SHOVEL

This application claims full **foreign priority benefits** available under 35 U.S.C. 119 and associated regulations to Canadian Patent Application No. **2,435,638** filed by the applicant hereof on **21 July 2003** with the same title: **"TWO-HANDLED SHOVEL."** Applicant acknowledges he may be required to file a certified copy of this earlier Canadian application, and intends to so fulfill any such requirement before the issuance of a US patent thereon.

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